Misappropriation by Branch Post Master of Jarajapu Peta

424. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Branch Post Master of Jarajapu Peta Nellimarla Mandal in Andhra Pradesh has misappropriated Rs. 10,000,00 from the postal savings of depositors; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Investigations so far conducted have revealed misappropriation of deposits in SB, RD and TD accounts standing at Branch Post Office, Jarajapur Peta, Nellimarla Mandal in Andhra Pradesh to the tune of Rs. 8,26,855-05 by Shri B. P. S. Prakash Rao, Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster.

(b) The case has been reported to C.B.I. The Extra Departmental Branch Postmaster responsible has been put off duty. Postmaster General Visakhapatnam is supervising departmental investigation. Action is also in progress to obtain claim papers from the defrauded depositors and to take action against the departmental officials found responsible for various lapses.

Wages to prisoners

425. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the wages that are being paid to the prisoners for their work in the various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): "Prisoners", being a State subject, are administered by the State Government according to their own rules, regulations and Prison manuals. The Government of India do not compile information and statistics on the details of Prison administration, including wages paid to the prisoners for their work.

Attack on Indians in U.K.

426. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indians settled in the vicinity of Leeds, U.K. have been attacked and their properties were looted and destroyed recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that such incidents have been frequent in the past and if so, the details of such incidents;

(c) whether it is also a fact that local police failed to take timely action in protecting Indians from such attacks;

(d) whether Indian Government propose to take up or have already taken up this issue with the U.K. Government; and

(e) whether Govt. have asked for compensation from the British Govt. for the affected Indians in Great Britain ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) On August 11, 1991, a video shop in Leeds belonging to a British national of Indian origin was attacked. No other recent incident has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) In the above-mentioned incident, the police reportedly arrived late.

(d) Whenever incidents of attacks on Indian nationals come to notice, the matter is taken up with the U.K. Government.

(e) Such a need has not arisen so far.